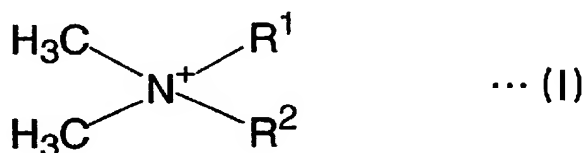


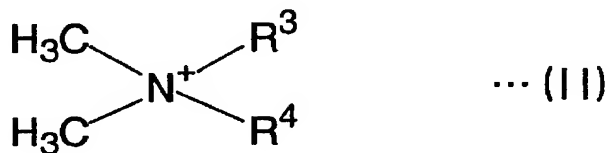
WE CLAIM

1. A gel composition comprising a cation-modified clay mineral,
wherein cations of said cation-modified clay mineral comprise quaternary ammonium cations represented by Formula (I):



wherein R¹ is a C₁₋₉ alkyl group, a phenyl group or a C₇₋₉ aralkyl group and R² is a C₁₀₋₃₆ alkyl group,

and Formula (II):



wherein R³ and R⁴ are independent from each other and each represents a C₁₀₋₃₆ alkyl group.

2. The gel composition according to Claim 1, wherein said cation-modified clay mineral comprises a cation-modified clay mineral A whose cation is the quaternary ammonium cation represented by Formula (I) and a cation-modified clay mineral B whose cation is the quaternary ammonium cation represented by Formula (II) in a weight ratio of A:B from 55:45 to 99.9:0.1.

3. The gel composition according to Claim 2, wherein the weight ratio of A:B is

from 60:40 to 80:20.

4. The gel composition according to any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein R¹ is benzyl group.

5. The gel composition according to any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein R¹ is methyl group.

6. The gel composition according to any of Claims 1 to 5, wherein R² is a C₁₆₋₁₈ alkyl group.

7. The gel composition according to any of Claims 1 to 6, wherein each of R³ and R⁴ is a C₁₆₋₁₈ alkyl group.

8. The gel composition according to any of Claims 1 to 7, wherein a host clay mineral of said cation-modified clay mineral is montmorillonite or hectorite.

9. The gel composition according to any of Claims 1 to 8, wherein the host clay mineral of said cation-modified clay mineral is montmorillonite.

10. A nail enamel comprising the gel composition according to any of Claims 1 to 9.